

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/7/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Benjamin Balser on 8/16/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a receiver for receiving a first message over a first shared-communications channel; and

a processor for: processing the first message, wherein processing said first message comprises:

(i) a notification that said first shared-communications channel

has been reserved, and

reserving the first shared-communications channel and a second shared-communications channel, wherein the reserving is defined by

(ii) one or more values that define in time

(a) a first reservation offset time interval upon the conclusion of which a first signal is transmitted over a combination of the first shared-communications

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channel and a the second shared-communications

channel, and during which the first

and second shared-communications channels ~~may be~~

are used; and

(b) a second reservation duration time interval during

which a first shared-communications

channel and the second shared-communications

channel are reserved, and upon the

conclusion of which the transmission of the first signal

over the combination of said first shared- communications channel and said second shared-

communications channel is ended, wherein said second time interval is after said first time

interval.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

(a) receiving a first message over a first shared-communications

channel, wherein said first message comprises:

(i) a notification that said first shared-communications channel

has been reserved,

(ii) values that define in time a first reservation offset time interval and a second

reservation duration time interval, and

(b) reserving the first shared-communications channel and a

second shared-communications channel defined in time by

(i) the first time interval, upon the conclusion of which a first

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signal is transmitted over a combination of the first shared-communications channel and the second shared-communications channel, and during which the first and second shared-communications channels ~~may~~ be are used; and

(ii) the second time interval upon the conclusion of which the transmission of the first signal over the combination of said first shared-communications channel and said second shared-communications channel is ended, wherein said second time interval is after said first time interval.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Application has been indicated as Allowable for reasons set forth in Applicants remarks dated 8/7/07 pages 13-17.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Shedrick whose telephone number is (571)-272-8621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kincaid Lester can be reached on (571)-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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